Papaver somniferum subsp. somniferum

COMMON NAMES
opium poppy

BIOSTATUS
Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not applicable

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS
Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

GENUS
Papaver

FAMILY
Papaveraceae

AUTHORITY
Papaver somniferum L. subsp. somniferum

YEAR NATURALISED
1883

ORIGIN
Eurasia



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POISONOUS PLANT
This species has opium compounds and should therefore be avoided.

MORE INFORMATION
https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/papaver-somniferum-subsp-somniferum/

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